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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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1. The following troop trains between
4 and 15 October 1952:

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
4	3 SS-type flatcars with 3 JS tanks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	1
	14 boxcars, 40 flatcars and 6 SS-type flatcars with a troop unit, 11 light AA guns and 40 trucks	Fuerstenwalde	Guben	2
	15 boxcars with soldiers	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog	3
5	25 flatcars with engineer equipment and 16 pontoons	Frankfurt/Oder	Rees'ow	4
9	16 boxcars and 15 flatcars with a troop unit and vehicles	Go'tbus	Frankfurt/Oder	5
	47 SS-type flatcars with 47 T-44 tanks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	6
	24 SS-type flatcars with 24 JS tanks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	7
10	15 SS-type flatcars with 15 JS tanks	Fuerstenwalde	Frankfurt/Oder	8

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<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
10	50 SS-type flatcars with ammunition and vehicles, including a 8-62-33	Frankfurt/Oder	Beeskow	1
11	27 SS-type flatcars with 12 JS tanks and 15 T-34 tanks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	1
12	10 boxcars, 5 flatcars and 3 SS-type flatcars	Cottbus	Finstertal	
13	5 boxcars and 24 SS-type flatcars with a troop unit and 24 JS tanks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	1
	20 boxcars and 10 flatcars with ammunition and trucks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	1
15	34 SS-type flatcars with 34 T-34 tanks	Lieberose	Frankfurt/Oder	1

2. On 8 October, three troop trains with a medium mortar unit were unloaded at
Frenzlau.

3. Troop trains observed on 16 and 17 October included:

<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
16	10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 45 flatcars	Meinsdorf	Naumburg
	3 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 32 flatcars	Medewitz	Naumburg
	12 converted boxcars and 35 flatcars	Medewitz	Naumburg
	7 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 34 flatcars	Zerbst	Naumburg
	8 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 50 flatcars	Zerbst	Naumburg
	7 converted boxcars, 9 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Zerbst	Naumburg

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<u>Date in</u> <u>October</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
16	7 converted boxcars, 5 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Zerbst	Naumburg
	6 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 32 flatcars	Zerbst	Merseburg
	12 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 41 flatcars	Zerbst	Merseburg
	7 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars and 30 flatcars	Zerbst	Merseburg
	8 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 51 flatcars	Meinsdorf	Weimar
	8 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Meinsdorf	Weimar
17	7 converted boxcars and 2 boxcars and 26 flatcars with rocket launchers	Nedewitz	Saalfeld
	7 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 51 flatcars with 105-mm guns	Nedewitz	Gotha
	12 converted boxcars and 48 flatcars	Nedewitz	undetermined

All trains also carried trucks.

1. Comment. The troop trains between Lieberose and Frankfurt/Oder belong to the return movement of components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Frankfurt/Oder from the Lieberose troop training grounds to their home station. The beginning of the return movement was reported on 9 October 1952, while several troop trains from Lieberose to Frankfurt/Oder were observed on the following days.
 The troop trains from Frankfurt/Oder to Beeskow on 5 October and from Fuerstenwalde to Frankfurt/Oder on 10 October 1952 were possibly connected with the beginning and the completion of a field exercise held by components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in the area south of Fuerstenwalde between 8 and 10 October 1952. was previously reported only from the Templin area and Oberswalde; there are no indications that the series belongs to the 7th Gds Mecz Div.
2. Comment. The troop train from Fuerstenwalde to Cuben was previously reported The train probably carried a component of the 63d AAA Div (US) which was possibly employed for air defense of the bridge across the Neisse River near Cuben.

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3. [] Comment. The troop train from Frankfurt/Oder to Justerbog probably carried recruits for the Third Gds Mecz Army.

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4. [] Comment. Another troop train [] from Cottbus to Frankfurt/Oder was also reported on 12 October 1952 []

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5. [] Comment. The unit unloaded probably was the unidentified mortar regiment of the 25th Tank Div which is thus confirmed at Prenzlau until 8 October 1952.

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- [] Compare also with observations [] who saw troop trains with units of the unidentified mortar regiment passing through Neustrelitz in an easterly direction. []

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- [] Comment. Most of these troop trains were previously observed [] They carried units of the Eighth Gds Army which returned to their home stations upon completion of the maneuvers in the area on either side of Plessau.

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- [] the number of troop trains belonging to the return movement to 131. [] the troop train [] went to Naumburg. However, Saalfeld is more likely to have been the receiving station, as the troop train probably carried elements of the 316th RL Regt (UK) of the XXVIII Itz Rifle Corps from Saalfeld. [] the troop train [] had gone to Langensalza.

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